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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was warmer than normal, with warm weather at the beginning and close and seasonable temperatures during the middle. Moderate to heavy rains fell over most of the western and central portions of the State during the last two or three days of the week. Light to heavy local showers also occurred in the southeast. The west also received a few light to moderate showers at the beginning of the week. The northeast received no rain of consequence. There was considerable cloudiness and humidity was high during the last three days.

CROPS Corn planting was 85% completed by the close of the past week, as compared with the average of 80% for this date. A year ago this date, 70% of the corn was planted. Some replanting may be necessary. Comments indicate that some of the balance of land intended for corn may be planted to sorghum.

The prospects for winter wheat declined from the past week due to continued dry weather. Deterioration was heaviest in the eastern half of the state where wheat is stunted and burnt spots are showing up in the fields. Some of the local rains helped to maintain the condition in the western half of the state, but some counties show a decline in condition. Moisture is needed badly.

The condition of oats and barley dropped considerably last week due to lack of moisture. The straw is short and uneven with some burning. The crops did not make the usual progress due to the dry weather.

Reports on sugar beets continue favorable. Soil moisture conditions in the Panhandle are favorable for potatoes and dry edible beans.

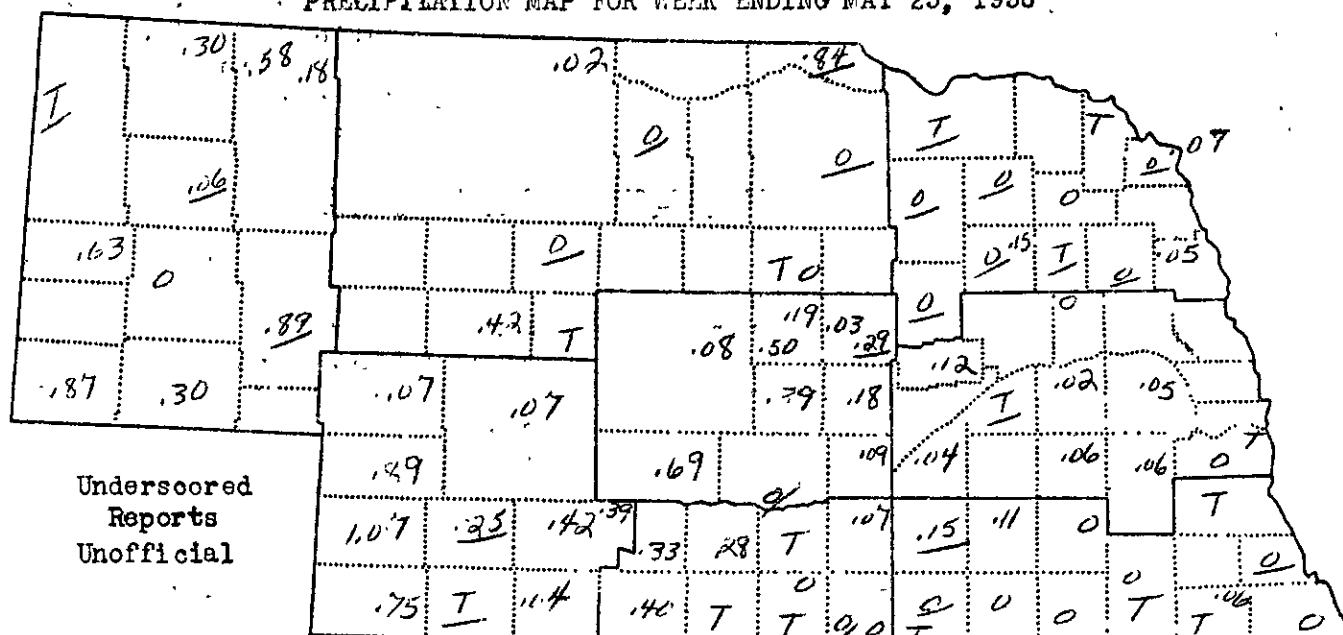
The alfalfa crop is very short in southern Nebraska. Some of it has been harvested early for hay, due to the lack of feed and pasture for cattle. The outlook is more favorable in northwestern Nebraska.

There wasn't much change in the condition of wild hay, but the condition of pasture is lower. The pasture situation is especially serious in some of the southwestern Nebraska counties. Some cattle have been sold due to the lack of pasture and feed. The pasture situation is also somewhat serious in south-central and south-eastern Nebraska. Wild hay and pasture needs moisture badly throughout the state.

Except for some local showers, the past week was very dry. An increasing number of counties are reporting a shortage of surface moisture. The Panhandle and southwestern Nebraska were favored with some local but usually light showers. Showers at the close of the week and beginning of this week have added some of the badly needed moisture in western and northeastern Nebraska. A heavy general rain is still needed throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK The main concern is the lack of pasture. Cool, dry weather delayed early growth of pasture and moisture was generally insufficient up to last week-end to promote growth. Grass was weakened due to drouth last summer and last fall. Overgrazing did not give grass a chance to recuperate. So far, cattle have been consuming the pasture as fast as it grows. Early pasture growth is desirable to carry through the hot weather during July and August.

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		May 22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	86	58	73	50	76	54	79	55	85	55	81	55	71	56
	Scottsbluff	83	58	77	53	73	53	79	52	82	54	80	52	65	55
	Sidney	81	56	73	53	71	48	74	46	82	50	79	50	60	48
NC	Burwell	87	57	84	44	78	49	80	55	73	57	87	60	78	56
	Valentine	86	64	79	46	79	49	80	53	81	57	81	59	78	56
NE	Norfolk	87	58	82	43	76	51	80	49	78	61	85	62	85	63
	Sioux City	92	59	85	49	80	54	82	49	80	63	83	66	85	63
CEN	Grand Island	84	64	75	51	78	47	77	57	74	61	84	63	84	59
EC	Lincoln	84	67	86	53	79	54	79	54	74	58	87	63	82	68
	Omaha	79	62	80	49	76	54	79	50	73	59	81	64	85	69
SW	Imperial	87	59	82	56	77	48	76	53	76	54	84	54	70	52
	North Platte	84	60	78	51	75	48	76	55	68	59	87	57	72	56

## WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 1956

### Eastern Division

Grand Island .05  
Lincoln .97  
Norfolk .07  
Omaha .04  
Sioux City 0

### Central Division

Burwell .51  
North Platte .91  
Valentine .68

### Western Division

Chadron 1.38  
Imperial 1.65  
Scottsbluff .63  
Sidney .79

## Precipitation, April 1 - May 25, 1956

	<u>Eastern Div.</u>	<u>Central Div.</u>	<u>Western Div.</u>
Total Past Week	.04	.24	.52
Total Since April 1	2.57	2.04	2.05
Long-Time Average Since April 1	5.67	5.05	4.30

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